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Dear Air Board-

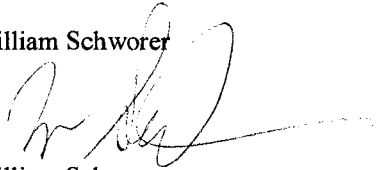
The Potomac River Generating Station provides much needed power to what would otherwise be an overstressed grid. The plant needs to continue generating this power for the betterment of all of us. It is a nice safety net to know that if there is a power shortage, we have a plant in our backyard. I have to question the motives of anyone who is opposed to this safety net.

Right now, Mirant is asking permission to improve the plant in a way that will positively affect our air quality. The only reason to deny this request would be an attempt to close the plant down. It's hard to imagine any other reason for this than a desire to use that site to create a revenue generating project. Be it in higher taxes or some other form, trying to make this area available for another project is not in the best interests of our community.

In the 10 years that I have lived here, I have never had a problem with the power plant. Now that positive changes are being proposed, I think the majority of our community is behind them. Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Thank you for your service,

William Schworer



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